

# **VirginiaCORPS** *Serve. Strengthen. Unite.*

## **Best Practices from Around VA**

**Program Type:**

*Public Safety Awareness and Preparedness Fair*

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**Target Population:**

*Neighborhoods and individuals.*

**Setting:**

*Large shell-type facility.*

**Sources of Funding:**

*University of Virginia, localities, local business contribution.*

**Some things that worked:**

- *Greeters were on hand to answer questions and to direct participants to displays, demonstrations and necessities such as rest rooms.*
- *Information bags, donated by Sprint were distributed filled with items contributed by local businesses.*
- *Demonstrations by participants.*

**Publicity:**

*Public Service; E-mails to city and county employees, university health system employees and churches; neighborhood notification and radio/TV and newspaper coverage*

# Remembrance Through Action...

## *A Call for Citizen Disaster Preparedness*



### **Program Description:**

- A Public Safety Awareness and Preparedness Fair coordinated by Community Response Agency and University Health System representatives that focused on citizen preparedness for any type of emergency – whether caused by severe weather, or terrorism.
- John Hager Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness gave opening address.
- Included presentations, demonstrations and informational booths.

### **Philosophy:**

*Organized on the premise that everyone in a community should have a planned and knowledgeable response for emergencies.*

*“A valuable way to remember those who gave their lives on September 11, 2001”*

### **Areas highlighted:**

*Communications* – RACES, 911 Center, Emergency Operations Center CERT training

*Public Safety/Evacuation* – Fire Safety House, Police, Fire and Rescue, Sheriff's Department

*Recovery* – Salvation Army Kitchen, Thomas Jefferson United Way, American Red Cross, SPCA, Disaster Recovery Task Force

*Health* – Decontamination Tent, Thomas Jefferson Health Department, Martha Jefferson Hospital, UVA Hospital, Blue Ridge Poison Center and UVA Environmental Health and Safety.